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**REMARKS**

This is in response to the *Final* Office Action, dated June 22, 2006, where the Examiner has rejected claims 50-53, objected to claim 54, and allowed claims 28-29, 31-32, 34-35, 38-39, 41-42, 44-45 and 48-49. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's statement regarding allowance of claims 28-29, 31-32, 34-35, 38-39, 41-42, 44-45 and 48-49. By the present amendment, claim 54 has been cancelled, and claim 50 has been amended. After the present amendment, claims 28-29, 31-32, 34-35, 38-39, 41-42, 44-45 and 48-53 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 50-53 in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

**A. Rejection of Claims 50-53 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

The Examiner has rejected claims 50-53, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Gerson, et al. (USPN 5,359,696) ("Gerson").

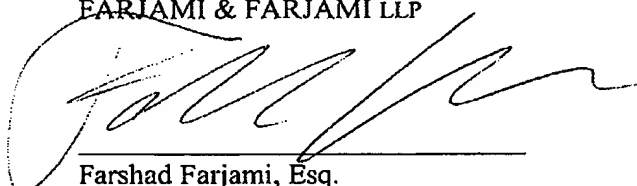
Applicant respectfully disagrees; however, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, applicant has amended independent claim 50 to include all of the limitations of claims 54. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 50, as amended, is now in condition for allowance at least based on the Examiner's statement that claim 54 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

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**B. Conclusion**

For all the foregoing reasons, an early allowance of claims 28-29, 31-32, 34-35, 38-39, 41-42, 44-45 and 48-53 pending in the present application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned for any questions.

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